

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2005.

Currently, claims 3, 10, 11, 14, 23-37, 40, 42, 45, 47, 51-53 and 64-69 are pending.

Claims 23-37, 42, 51-53 and 64-69

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 23-37, 42, 51-53 and 64-69 are allowed.

Claims 3, 10, 11, 14, 40, 45, and 47

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 3, 10, 11, 14, 40, 45, and 47 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant has rewritten claims 3, 10, 14, 40, 45, and 47 in independent form. Additionally, claim 11 has been amended to fix the informality noted on page 2 of the Office Action.

Conclusion

Based on the above amendments and these remarks, reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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